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To the Honorable  
The Senators and Representatives  
of the  
**United States of America**  
In Congress Assembled.

Your Petitioners respectfully represent that the unpublished archives of the **United States** government, relating to the War of the Revolution, have never been assembled into one collection, but they are now distributed throughout the several Public Departments and, owing to past neglect and present lack of proper care, many valuable documents have been mutilated and destroyed, and those remaining are rapidly becoming illegible.

Never before, in the history of the **Nation** has there prevailed so universal and eager a desire to know the contents of these records, which contain information not elsewhere to be found, but which, in their present condition, are of no practical use to the Country.

The necessity for absolute accuracy in the history of that heroic struggle for freedom, as well as justice to those who, in what capacity soever gave their all for the cause of liberty, require that the story of their sacrifices and their patriotism, shall no longer be kept among the inaccessible Archives of the government, but become the official basis for a history of that period, more complete than has yet been written.

Wherefore your Petitioners pray that laws may be passed by **Congress**, which will provide publication of all the Archives of the Government relating to the War of the Revolution, in a manner similar to the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion: That measures be adopted for including in such publication transcripts from the records of the original **Thirteen States** relating particularly to Muster Rolls of Officers, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines not embraced in the Government collection, and also for the gathering of such historical matter now contained in the various libraries of the country as may be necessary for this purpose.

Given from the Hall of our Society, in the City of Los Angeles, this  
third day of September, 1894,

THE SOCIETY,  
**Sons of the Revolution,**  
In the State of California.

By *Holdridge C. Calkin*  
President.

Attest:

*Arthur B. Benton*  
Secretary.







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